

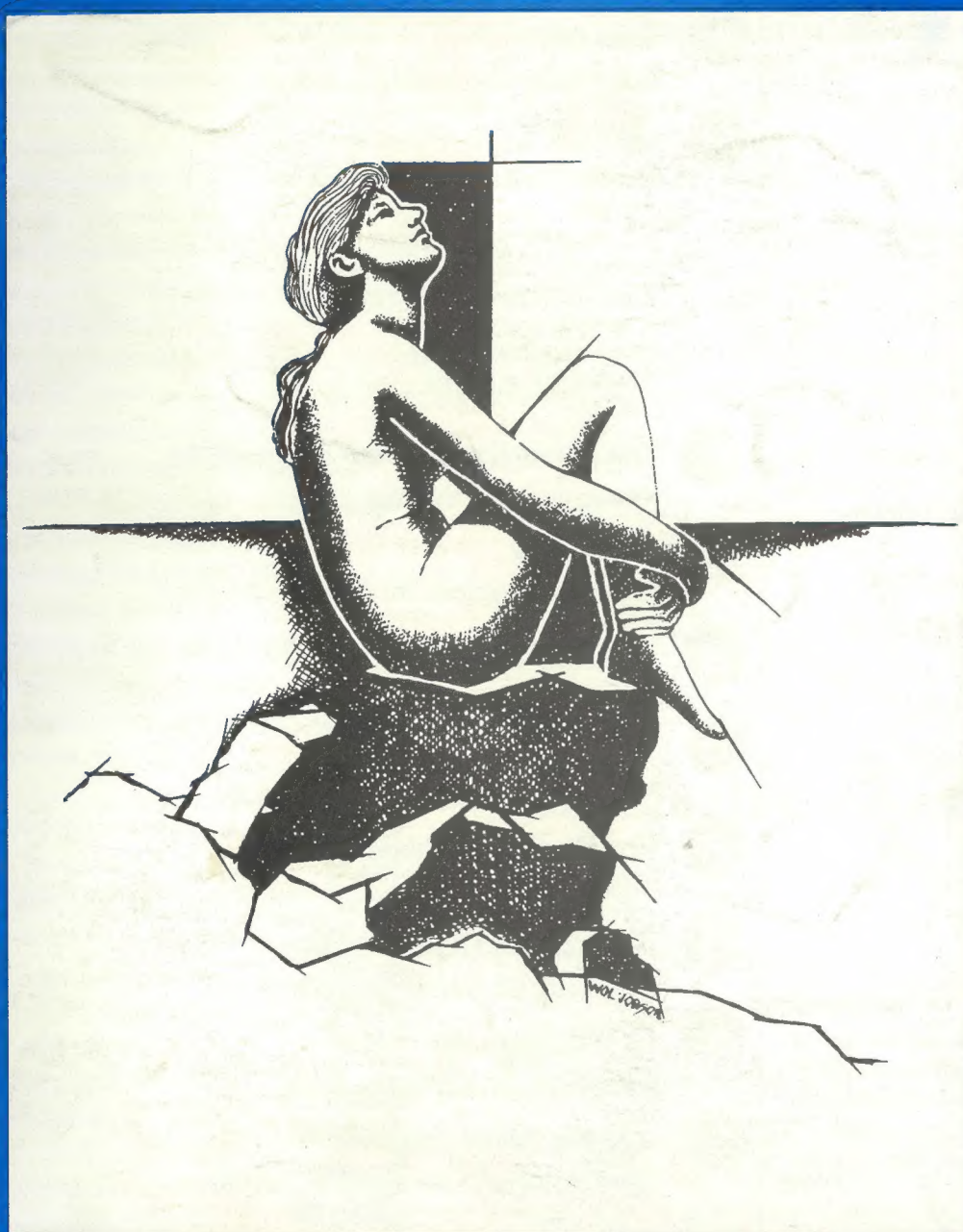
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For a number of years now special events have been organised around the globe to mark the occasion of World Aids Day on December 1. Each year a different theme is used to raise awareness of this disease. This year World Aids Day has as it's theme Community Response. A red ribbon has been chosen by some people as the symbol to commemorate the day. Perhaps workers in the industry could show they care about this disease and affect it has on the millions around the world by wearing a ribbon too.

The sex industry in New Zealand has good reason to be proud of the response it has made to the prevention of HIV/Aids. Safer sex is widely practised. Night and day condoms are rolled on in conjunction with water based lubes with an expertise and confidence sexually active non-sex-workers need to imitate. Clients who are unwilling to comply are told, "Sorry, we're not interested." After all, it's workers in the sex industry who attract the flack should any disease be transmitted. I don't recall any headlines that shouted, "Clients with Aids continue to visit prostitutes." I do recall the reverse. Maybe sexworkers are perceived by many to be on the back foot. As one sexworker says,

"In terms of preventing the transmission of HIV, the virus that causes Aids, we are clearly leaders and deserve to be acknowledged as such. However, it will be us from whom the uninformed will want declarations to reassure them of our clean bill of health. These same people who demand to know about our HIV status balk at the idea of us wanting to know about their status. Quite frankly I'd rather think positive and assume every contact I have with someone sexually can be exactly that. For these reasons I am not afraid. I assume every client I have sex with is HIV positive. Of course I will never know. However, what I do know will serve my peace of mind - I practised safer sex. Not for me a piece of paper only as relevant as the last bonk declaring my client's health status. Of course this is pure fantasy. No client brings with him a health certificate. And yet he devalues my life by

insisting I should be going all out to protect his by having regular check ups. I do. Does he? " This attitude typifies that held by many in the sex industry and perhaps provides the clue to it's success in terms of prevention of HIV.

However, every success story is not without its obstacles. Certainly the existing legislation continues to impede and in some cases punishes our attempts at keeping ourselves and our clients safe. How ludicrous that in 1992 condoms should be used as evidence to support charges of soliciting. How positively dangerous! Let's not jump to conclusions and blame the police. They like everyone are only doing their job. And practically everyone now knows that prostitution is linked to condoms and safer sex.

The blame should lie on the law itself. Time to throw the law out!

All the signs point to Aids being around for sometime. Sadly the number of people now infected will continue to increase. The New Zealand sex industry although in the forefront of its prevention should not remain complacent. We must all increase our awareness to minimise the casualties to our industry. And for those people who are living with HIV/AIDS let's show them we care and sport a red ribbon on World Aids Day.

The next issue of SIREN will focus on new workers to the industry. If you have any information you feel you'd like to share for the benefit of new workers - drop us a line. Work Safe Play Safe.

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LETTER FROM WARSAW

Dear Friends!!

I've got your address from the "State Advisory". It's fantastic that so brilliant things happen in the world. I am an alternative publisher interested in the transgressional and subversive literature. Besides, I peregrinate into the sweet spaces of social-metaphysics, which gives me a lot of luck and sometimes I'm involved in the anarchist university and anti-prohibitionist campaign. All that is for my individual happiness and for joining other people in the liberation of their everyday life.

I'm interested in your collective. How do you live together? Do you enjoy your job. Do you have any problems with the police? There is a lot of questions, which I'd like to ask you. This is my first and rather shy letter to you, so I want to be in a contact with you. Everyday life practice and theories we can share in the future. Now, I'd like to ask you for your materials, which I could translate and publish here in my full-of-bigots country. I'm very interested in the 4th issue of "SIREN", because of a brief history of the prostitution. Last but not least, I'd like to wish you great fun in your job and publications.

*Keep in touch
name supplied*

PRACTISE SAFE SEX

Dear Siren

I'm educated about safe sex, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. I protect myself and my clients.

Why do people with these conditions continually risk the lives of innocent people by lying and not practising safe sex?

Knowingly spreading life threatening diseases must be a form of manslaughter if not premeditated murder.

There is a wide range of information available to everyone and nobody with any form of STD's has the excuse or the right to endanger anybody's life. Every client is a potential carrier.

I can have no sympathy for an infected person who knowingly spreads these diseases.

Name supplied

Thank you.

PROSTITUTION AND PARENTING

I am a sex worker successfully combining prostitution with mother hood. I am still looked upon as an average solo mother to be tolerated by society; but I'm not! I am a normal mother I want the best for my son and if selling my body can get us this all well and good. But now I have to cope with the problems of both. I'm not going to lecture you on how to bring up your children, everybody has their own game plan,

just a few pointers on how to cope with the problems of combining the two without affecting our precious innocent children.

With the increase of solo mums in the industry, due to the rise in prices and the decrease of government expenditure. All mothers want the best for their children and combining the two has worked for me. Life is quite hectic and stress gets to me occasionally but I think positively and deal with each problem as it comes, (and there's heaps).

I keep my son as separate as possible from my work, apart from the phone jangling constantly, he's not affected. A child's innocence is beautiful and is to be protected. Children are very sensitive to stress and anger and their reaction is usually difficult. It has taken me eighteen years to learn to control my temper. One day I just thought "If you lose your temper you lose the fight".

Children are not second class citizens, they have rights too. As a child I found myself stretched like a piece of elastic between Mum and Dad. The marriage was bitter, the divorce even worse. These two people should never have been. Good did come out of this marriage, my parents managed to produce two completely non-violent children. That in this day and age is a major achievement. That is something all our children need to be if we want our world to be a better place.

Our children are our future.

Sindra

DON'T LITTER

Dear Siren

To all the happy "street workers". Please spare a thought for the innocent peoples of the world when on your next crack you dispose of your and or clients condoms.

I have been taken to a couple of locations by clients and shock and horror!! to the findings, not only do you disclose your safe place, but you make it unsafe for everyone else. It only takes someone to complain and it discredits everyone else.

I make my clients stop on the way back to work, and discard evidence in garage bins, street bins, or if he is a prick, on the side of his wife's seat. Take care!!

Name supplied

Thank you

SEX WORKERS CONTRACT

Dear Siren

During your shifts, you will act as an unpaid masseuse, cleaner, waitress and on occasion—receptionist.

You will pay shift fees and be thankful I provide such wonderful premises to work in.

Your expenses will include: advertising, condoms, K-Y, lingerie, up-market clothing, stockings and transport. You're lucky, the coffee's on the house!

You will receive no: sick pay, holiday pay or superannuation. Who needs them?

If business goes quiet, please become more competitive, as I load up the shifts, with more girls.

Lastly, and most importantly, no whingeing, you're lucky to have this job.

Thank you for the opportunity to whinge. I know I'm being one-sided. So would any bosses care to share their side, or does anyone else have some input?

Lots of love

Disillusioned worker

Christchurch.

ROBERT'S APPRECIATION

Dear Siren

I have enclosed a poem which

I had read out on 95 BFM's talkback show. Michelle and Debbie of the NZPC were the guests for the evening and asked me to send a copy to you. I write a lot of poetry about my feelings, experiences and things happening around me. This poem is about how I felt after visiting a parlour and a very special lady who reminded me "we're only human". I will also tell you my personality has changed a great deal since I started visiting parlours, and although this poem is about one experience, I think all working girls have a lasting effect on at least one of their clients, either mentally, physically or emotionally (and of course sexually). I have a greater respect for all people in (and out) of the sex industry, especially women. From being a "hoon yelling abuse" on K Rd when I was 17, I would gladly teach anyone a lesson in respect for streetworkers and parlour girls. Its a shame it took me so long.

Now 22 and after experiences in parlours I am a more confident, communicative and much nicer person. I always try to give the girls more money for their services, as I think they provide more than just sex. They've all helped me, and extra money is always appreciated. Thank you to you all involved with the sex industry.

Yours

Robert B

PS could you pass a BIG thank you on to Michelle and Debbie for their advice on where HIV tests can be made. I knew where they were done but did not know they were free. I have taken the necessary steps to get one done. Thanks.

I arrive there at the desk, ask to book for an hour

go and shoot some pool, a spa, and then a shower.

I walk into a room, smile and say hello, we look each other up and down then both take off our clothes.

I lie down on the bed, as she rubs the oil on, I feel secure and happy, She's doing nothing wrong.

We chat and have a laugh, more personal we get, our bodies lock together, as if before we've met.

I've never before made love, to a woman I do not know, then handed over money, and thanked her for the show.

Again we sit and talk, Then back into the shower, both return for our clothes That's the end of my hour.

AUCKLAND WRITES

Dear Editor,

My dear I choose to write via you in regards to undercutting on the streetscene. It is common knowledge that in parts of the Auckland scene, that sexual favours are well below the normal prices. I am absolutely appalled at the thought and it really irates me that people could feel so low about themselves, to give themselves away for a song. So come on ladies, genitals, reptiles and crocodiles, be fair firstly to yourselves, and secondly to fellow workers who mince those streets into the wee hours of the morning praying for the ultimate client to come along offering a normal price.

Our industry is professional so lets keep it professional. If a client has the indecency to offer you a small fee, offer him a tooth

removal, he gets the message loud and clear, I use this line before the client moves on I tell them where my bottom line begins, and it's usually at the cost of 2 or 3 tooth removals. While I'm in a writing frame of mind, could I just mention that the STD centres are just dying to get a bit of your blood, to do a whole range of STD tests, from HIV to almost every other contractible disease.

If a client feels insecure about exposing himself to any risks, I always reflect that I am more fearful of them and their health history, but for both party's health sakes it is imperatively NO JOE NO GO JOE.

So ones again, gals, get rubbering, NO GLOVE NO LOVE. On my last excursion to the local STD clinic quite surprisingly I had eye swabs, throat swabs, and blood tests (without the humiliation of dropping my bloomers, mind you at a cost I probably would have). I'm only a couple of days away from the big national STD conference in Nelson and looking forward to it, and shall have some stories to tell on my return.

Taking care of you and your clients sexual health care, rubbering it up and to the bone (not forgetting the price now!!). In loving and caring, yours

Waa Waa Gabor

LETTER TO SIREN

I have been visiting a Lady at a massage parlour for three years six months. We developed an understanding towards one another which is turning me into an honest upbringing top model citizen. I don't go out to places like pubs and night clubs and dos, I would rather be were I am happy. I get pushed around, pushed into a corner. I asked the manageress for permission so the Lady could

have tea with me on Saturday night. The manageress said no. I can understand the fear that the ladies go through. The manageress should not take advantage of people, and line their pockets and manipulate and make the ladies and clients gullible. If I lost contact with the Lady it would be the end of the world. I wish more people would read the Bill of Rights

Sincerely anonymous

Name supplied thank you

LETTER FROM AHWAZ IRAN

Dear Sir

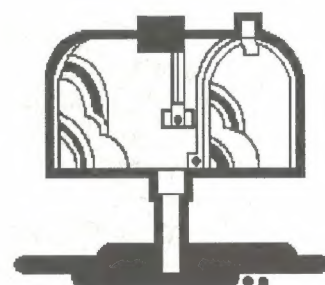
As a prostitute and a university student I want to congratulate you on the contributions which your organisation are making for female sex workers.

I will be grateful if you kindly accept me as a member for your collective and inform me about your activities and send me your educational publications.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated

Yours sincerely

Name withheld





TALKABOUT

Tax squad to track down crime profits

By Corinne Ambler

A special tax unit targeting organised crime should be set up by Christmas after an agreement was signed yesterday between police and the Inland Revenue Department.

Police Commissioner John Jamieson and Inland Revenue Commissioner David Henry said organised crime was on the rise and was estimated to form an underground economy of \$1.3 billion a year.

It was not fair that honest citizens paid taxes and illegal businesses paid none.

"It may be illicit income but it is still taxable and the tax laws make no distinction between legal and illegal revenue, nor should they," Mr Henry said.

Mr Jamieson said the unit would also prevent people from getting away with crimes. "It's a bad day for the bad guys."

Six of Inland Revenue's best investigators would be working in the unit by the end of the year, and the unit's manager was at present training with a similar unit in Australia.

Since 1987, the Australian unit had identified \$200 million in taxes owned from the profits of organised crime.

Based on the Australian experience Inland Revenue expected to bring \$10 for every \$1 spent on tracking down tax.

The organised crime being targeted was mainly car-theft rings, drug-dealing and prostitution.

"The IRD will track those financial transactions it can trace and establish incomes of those people based on assets," Mr Henry said.

Police would supply Inland Revenue with information to work with, but Inland Revenue would only supply police with information it was allowed to under the law.

No individual's privacy would be compromised, he said. People could contest the assessment of their income but they had to prove to the courts the assessment was wrong.

If Inland Revenue prosecuted anyone it would have to prove its case in court.

Escorts claim breach of rights

By Brad Walker

Some escort agencies say Christchurch police are breaching civil rights by keeping photographic records of agency staff. The police are alleged to have taken photographs without consent in some cases, surprising escorts with an instamatic camera.

Police have confirmed photos are being taken but only after consent has been given. They say the photographs are part of a policy to encourage escorts to voluntarily register with the Criminal Investigation Bureau, even though they are not required to by law.

Unlike massage parlours, police have no legal jurisdiction over escort agencies.

Mingling

However, Christchurch police say the two industries are now mingling and people who have criminal convictions, and cannot work for a licensed massage parlour, are crossing to escort agencies.

Chief Inspector Bob McMeeking said registration was for escorts' own protection and many cooperated giving consent for the police to retain their photographs.

"The whole area is one of constantly changing faces and names and police consider it very important to monitor the activities and police consider should be monitored," Mr McMeeking said.

However, escorts say some have been told photographs were compulsory if they wanted to operate an agency. Escorts are unable to place newspapers advertisements unless they have a letter of consent from the police.

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By attacking the sexism which dooms most women to poverty and a 24-hour working day, we lay the basis for prostitute and non-prostitute women to work together. Counting prostitute women's work unveils the sex work and emotional work all women are forced to do gratifying men's egos and sexual demands. We oppose "legalisation" police/government control of prostitutes: women, not the State, must control our bodies and our money.

"Prostitute Women and AIDS - Resisting the Virus of Repression" by Nina Lopez-Jones for the English Collective of Prostitutes. Published by Crossroads, London, ENGLAND.

Police review condom evidence

By Brad Walker

A doctor is angry over police using condoms found on prostitutes as evidence in court.

Police prosecutors last week included a city prostitute's possession of three packets of condoms in a summary of evidence. A plain-clothes police officer had been approached by the defendant who offered to perform oral sex for \$50 or full sex for \$100.

A senior police officer spokesman said prosecutors would have included in evidence the large number of condoms found to support their case should the defendant have pleaded not guilty.

Police usually relied though on catching prostitutes "red-handed". Another prostitute had been arrested carrying 24 condoms.

Health Board senior health officer Mel Brieseman said presentation of condoms in court was dangerous and should not be used as evidence of someone breaking the law. He had protested to the police.

"Condoms are a means to protect against sexually transmitted diseases, which includes AIDS and anybody who is going to engage in sexual intercourse with somebody who is not their regular partner should be taking such precautions," Dr Brieseman said.

The police will review their policy on court evidence which highlights condom possession.

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AIDS adverts rejected

A series of proposed anti-AIDS advertisements starring the likes of Whoopi Goldberg, George Burns, and Ray Charles has been rejected by the Centre for Disease Control as the "wrong approach".

In the ads the stars urge condom use with such pleas as "I wouldn't be seen without one" (Charles); "Ain't no making Whoopi without one" (Goldberg), and "I first started using condoms when I was a young man - I think I was 72," (Burns).

The CDC told the Big Apple advertising firm, Ogilvy and Mather, that the CDC's ads should not have humour and no mention of "sex" or "condom". - KRT





By S L English

I became involved in the sex industry approximately seventeen years ago, and have worked both in New Zealand and overseas. I have sworn that I will not work for another male employer. I have reached the conclusion that the best bosses I have had, have been either myself or women who have previously worked. This is not to say that ALL women are good bosses, whether they have worked or not, a small number are just as bad, if not worse, than some men; and I have worked for a small number of men that have been truly wonderful, understanding and caring people. However, the majority of male employers have been exploitative, sexist and non-caring, with an attitude bordering on those of a slave driver.

The most common complaint, coming most often from young and inexperienced girls, is that of the male employer demanding a 'free sample' in order that you may gain employment with him. This is done under the guise of; "I have to thoroughly check out your body" or "I need to know if you're any good at what you're going to be doing." This type of action is best countered with "I want to be paid" or simply "no". Depending on how much you need the job for which you have applied.

Often the next step, if you have given in to this bosses demand, is that the act will be repeated again and again, for

no payment. Or the boss will have 'friends' that he wishes you to be 'nice to', still for no payment.

The male boss many also insist that you work endless double shifts with no concern for your health, both physical and mental, or your need for sleep. He may also require you to work on your days off, his attitude will be: "You need the money and we're short staffed. So I won't take 'No' for an answer." You will soon 'burn out' and be of no use either to yourself or the boss. Stand up for yourself and say "No. I need my time off."

He may demand that you have a certificate from a doctor stating that you have no sexually transmitted diseases or HIV. This, in itself, sounds reasonable. But bear in mind that you do not have to have an HIV test if you do not want one. To insist that someone has this test without their full cooperation is assault. Many people (not just Sex Workers) do not wish to know their HIV status, and this is OK too. Insist on your rights.

Male employers are often insensitive to the fact that you are not feeling well, and will demand that you "Just do this job and then you can go home", or worse still, they expect you to "Pull yourself together. It's not as though you're working in a factory on your feet all day, after all you're spending most of your time on your back". They are also una-

ware that some girls are allergic to K.Y., or certain brands of condoms. Trial and error is the only way that you can find the brands that suit you. Other girls are sore after seeing four or so clients. As long as you are making money for the male boss, as well as yourself, they think that you should keep working no matter how sore or ill you feel.

Other male bosses expect you to work under the most appalling conditions. Too stingy to hire cleaners, they expect you to clean the entire premises, wash and fold the towels and sheets and look appealing and sexy while you're doing it, in case a client comes in and you are led into the lounge at a moment's notice for the 'cattle call'.

There are the male bosses who always take the client's side in a dispute. No matter that the client has had sex with you, then decides that he didn't enjoy it, and demand his money back. Or the client that tries to put his dick in your bum, against your will, and then cries 'rip-off' when you turf him out. Or the ones that try to pull the condom off when they think you aren't looking, and complain to the male management when you complain to them that they MUST wear a condom. Or the ones that treat you roughly and can not understand that you don't like that, and complain to the boss that you were rude and a bitch to boot. It is my

opinion that the boss should take the girl's side in a dispute; or at least listen to her point of view and then give her the benefit of the doubt. Another client will always walk through the door, but good girls are hard to find.

Male bosses who force you to 'see' a client that you do not want to 'see' are bad too. Maybe you've seen this guy before and you didn't get on well; and you just wish to avoid hassle. Or you've a hang-up about this guy. No-one should force you to have sex with someone that you do not wish to, This is tantamount to rape, no matter that you get paid for it. That is not the issue.

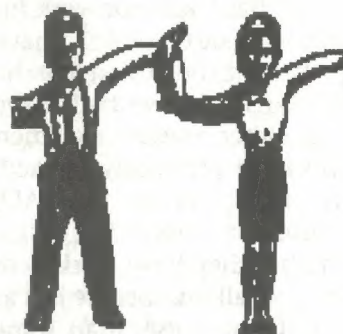
The male Escort Agency boss that insists that he be paid for a bounced cheque is beneath contempt. Not only is the girl out of pocket for the job she performed, but often she has

to pay the driver as well as the managements' Agency fee. This fee must come from the next job, so the girl has done two jobs for the management, with nothing for herself for her work. Is this fair. I ask you?

In New Zealand male employers are, most often, the ones that are on the 'shift fee' and 'towel money' bandwagon. Most of us are alert to this type of blatant exploitation. Why should we PAY for the privilege of working? In Australia this is the norm and applies in all states and in all Parlours, plus the fact that the employer takes 50% of your job money as well. Often I had seen four clients, and after paying the 'establishment' their share I was left with \$15. I pray that this type of exploitation NEVER happens in New Zealand. But if males continue to have involvement in the

Sex Industry I fear that this may happen.

As I have previously stated, not all male bosses are like this; some are kind, sympathetic, and wonderful to work with and for, but some are worse than those types described above. I'm sure many of you have your own horror stories to tell, and are as keen as I am to see that no males are involved in the Sex Industry in New Zealand; except as paying clients.



Women Bosses

Hi,

As a female working in the sex industry, I now feel professional, and I'm not going to be deprived of it.

We all need to keep our pride and don't need people treating us without respect or lowering our esteem. I have been working for about two years, with most of my employers being men. So what do they know!!

Haven't they all made passes, or at least commented in some perverted nature? I got sick of their arrogance, with their gen-

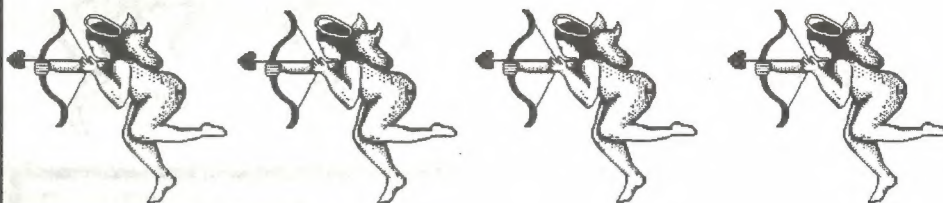
eral put-down attitude. They forgot that I am a business woman and treat me like a slut, even forgetting that they need me to make THEIR money!

About four months ago, I was hired by a woman, who has "been there done that", with a much higher understanding of us girls.

Yes finally a woman who realises the way we feel, and wants us all to feel confident towards our own success.

Anon

ANAL SEX



Anal intercourse is also known as sodomy, buggery, bugging, bumming, butt-fucking, butt-hanging, arse-fucking, corn-balling, corn-holing, back scuttling, Greek culture, bending some ham, goosing, browning it, bottling, moon shot, stern job, one up the bum.

Manual-anal sex is also known as fisting, fist fucking, handballing.

Oral-anal sex is technically called anilingus. It is also known as arse-licking, rimming, reaming, cleaning up the kitchen, blowing some arse, smearing somebody's tuna, taking a trip to the moon, rim shot, ring job, tongue sandwich.

The anus is also known as arse, ass, arsehole, backdoor, brownie, bum, shitter, crapper, ditch, back passage, manhole, mustard pot, nooky, Kybher, duff, old dirt road.

ANAL STIMULATION

The anus (outer part), rectum (lower bowel) and buttocks are erogenous zones. The anus is highly sensitive to touch. Anal stimulation can be the primary focus of sexual activity or it can accompany other forms of sexual stimulation. For instance many couples include manual stimulation of the anus, lightly rubbing the rim or inserting a finger into the anus, during coitus or during oral-genital sex.

HOW COMMON IS ANAL INTERCOURSE FOR WOMEN?

Because of the strong taboos against it, most people underestimate the frequency of anal intercourse. In the 1975 "Redbook" study in the USA by Levin and Levin, 43% of wives had tried anal intercourse although this was their least liked sexual activity. In 1991 "The Kinsey Institute New

Report on Sex" confirmed that approximately 30-40% of women have experienced anal intercourse. Some experts suggest that anal intercourse is something which most couples if honest, would be curious to try at least once. In some situations it is used as a method of birth control.

IS IT LEGAL?

Sodomy was a criminal offence until the Rape Reform legislation of 1985 which brought in the more general offence of sexual violation.

ATTITUDES

Many people have strongly negative attitudes towards anal intercourse which they regard as being unclean, unnatural, perverted, disgusting, dangerous, unhealthy, unhygienic, morally wrong or simply unappealing. On the other hand anal sex can be highly arousing and pleasurable and lead to male or female orgasm.

IS IT HARMFUL?

The anal sphincter (the ring of muscles around the anus) tightens when stimulated and attempts at penile insertion may be distressing even if done slowly and gently. If the penis or any other object such as a dildo is forced into the anus, injury is possible. To minimise trauma, it is important to use plenty of lubricant and some recommend dilating the anus with fingers, before attempting insertion. The penis should be guided in and insertion should never be forced.

If the muscles controlling the anal sphincter are damaged through forceful activity this can cause laxity with subsequent poor control of bowel emptying (soiling).

WHAT IS A GOOD TECHNIQUE?

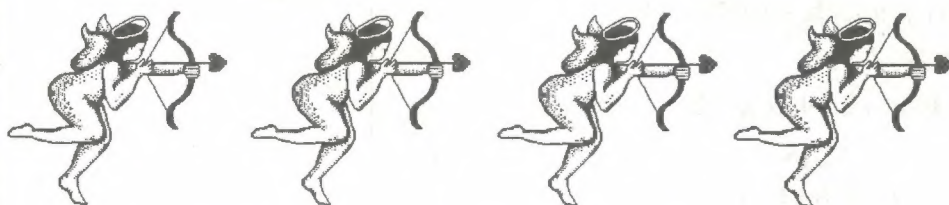
Alex Comfort, writing in "The Joy of Sex" gives advice on how to make anal intercourse more comfortable. Usually the first try is painful and while this may go with practice, it certainly won't if there are haemorrhoids (piles). The technique is quite different from ordinary penetration, With the woman kneeling, head well down, the glans (tip of the penis) is well lubricated. There should be no forceful thrusting. The glans is placed on the spot and the man presses gently and steadily, while the woman bears down to let the penis in. At first the anus will close up tight. Then after a few moments it will begin to open. Relaxation is important. Entry must be slow, never more than glans deep, and the man is advised to take the friction on the pull rather than the push. At the same time there should be stimulation of the breasts and clitoris.

WHAT ABOUT HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY?

Although anal sex is sometimes thought of as a homosexual activity, numerically speaking it is more often engaged in by heterosexual couples than by homosexuals.

It is not the commonest activity between men who have sex with men, The frequency of anal intercourse is considerably less than fellatio. Sometimes a distinction is made between "active" and "passive" partners depending on their preference as "inserter" or "insertee" but in fact most men who participate in anal sex can enjoy both roles.

Manual-anal intercourse is not common and is practised mostly by men who have sex with men however it is not unknown in heterosexuals, bisexuals and lesbians. This practice involves the insertion of the hand in the rectum, usually after cleansing with an enema. Sometimes it is combined with the use of illicit drugs. It requires considerable trust, slowness and gentleness, There are substantial risks associated with this activity as the anus and rectum can easily be damaged. The risk of con-



tracting or transmitting an infection through broken skin is reduced if a glove is worn on the inserting hand.

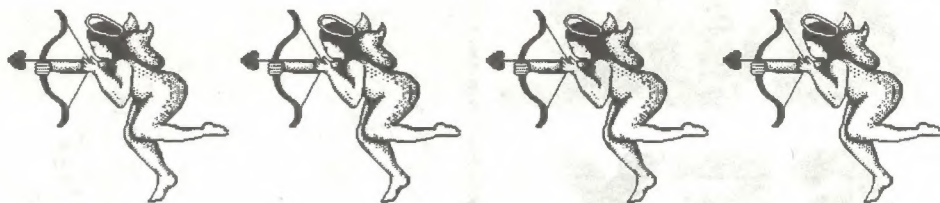
SAFER SEX

Never have any form of anal sex if there are visible signs of discharge, sores or warts. For oral-anal sex protect the mouth with dental dam, plastic film or thin rubber membrane.

Anal intercourse without a condom carries a high risk of transmitting infections because there may be invisible tears in the mucosal lining which open up the small blood vessels and allow the entry of semen which may contain the HIV virus or the virus of Hepatitis B. For greater safety the penis can be withdrawn before ejaculation. This will prevent accidental spillage of semen into the rectum.

Because of the tighter fit extra strong condoms are recommended, thinner condoms may tear more easily. Some men wear two condoms for extra safety. Lubrication also helps to prevent tearing. Only use water based lubricants with condoms. Oils, vaseline etc will perish rubber.

Anything that has been inserted through the anus or into the rectum should not subsequently be put into the vagina unless



SUMMARY

DON'T

- Feel guilty if you enjoy anal sex
- Have anal sex if you don't enjoy it
- Have vaginal sex after anal sex without washing
- Allow damage to the anal muscles through force
- Allow unsafe sexual practices.

DO

- Talk with your partner about safer sex
- Take time, be gentle
- Use plenty of lubrication
- Use a condom, preferably extra strong
- Attend for an STD check as needed.

it has been thoroughly washed. Even normal inhabitants of the lower bowel are unwelcome but more importantly there is a high risk of catching a sexually transmitted disease. Bacteria (such as gonorrhoea and syphilis), yeasts (such as Candida), and viruses (such as HIV, Hepatitis B, Herpes and genital warts) if present in or around the anus or rectum can be transmitted to the female causing vaginal infections or genital sores or warts.

Attend for an STD check if:

- you have symptoms following anal sex such as discharge, itching, pain, rash, sores or warts
- a condom wasn't used or it burst or slipped or leaked
- you wish to have a 3 monthly check for HIV/AIDS.

Margaret Sparrow

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For information on your local drug user group or needle and syringe exchange scheme contact:

ADIO
227A Symonds St,
Auckland, 09-309-8519

I V Union
91 Grey St,
Box 1942, Palmerston North
063-71-059 (after hours service)

Also:
46 Drews Ave, Wanganui
Thursday 1-4pm

WIDE
282 Cuba St,
Wellington, 04-382-8404

CIVDURG
2nd Floor, 130 Kilmore St
Christchurch, 03-652-293

DIVO
Dunedin, 03-479-2300

AIDS HOTLINE
Tollfree 0800-802-437

THE CERVICAL SCREENING PROGRAMME

Smear Tests and the Register

The cervical screening programme aims to stop women dying needlessly from cervical cancer. Every year in New Zealand, about 250 women develop cancer of the cervix. More than 100 women a year die of it.

A cervical smear test is not a test for cancer. It is a preventative measure to check that your cervix is healthy. A smear test shows any changes in the cells of your cervix, which can be treated before they develop into cancer.

An expert group of health care providers and consumers has been developing recommendations and protocols for the treatment of cervical cancer and I would like to pass the information on to you.

Some of the questions commonly asked about the Cervical Screening Programme are:

Who should have cervical smears?

All women between 20 and 70 years of age, who have ever had sexual intercourse, should have regular smear tests. Women under the age of 20 years may show cell changes but are unlikely to develop cervical cancer, because abnormal cells in the cervix take many years to develop into cancer. This does not mean that under the age of 20 years you should not have a smear tests as a health check.

How often should I have a smear test?

If this is your first smear or if you haven't had a smear for more than five years you should have this smear and then another one a year later. After that you should have a smear test every three years.

Where do I go to have a cervical smear?

- General practices and medical centres
- Family Planning Clinics

- Union and community health services
- STD clinics.

At most places you now have a choice of female smearer. Some places may have low cost screening services available.

What results can I expect?

Most smear results are normal. A result which is not normal rarely means cancer. It is more likely to be due to infection or inflammation. Occasionally a result may suggest early cell changes that could mean you are at risk of developing cervical cancer. You will then need another smear or further investigation or treatment.

Your smear taker will have your result in about a week from the time your smear is taken. It is unlikely that they will contact you if your result is normal. It is a good idea to ring and ask what the result is. A good screening service will be sympathetic to your needs and will be able to tell you about your results and what they mean.

You might be asked to have a repeat smear because for one of the following which do not mean cancer:

1. Unsatisfactory or less than optimal

Sometimes you may be asked to have another test because not enough cells were taken from your cervix or the cells could not be easily seen because of mucus, blood or lubricant.

2. Inflammation or infection

Occasionally your smear test may show that your cervix is inflamed. This is common and often does not require treatment. However, it could mean that you have an infection. Sometimes infections can be identified on the smear test slide by the laboratory, but if not, you may need to have swabs taken so that your smear taker knows what medication to give you.

3. HPV

The Human Papilloma Virus (wart virus of HPV) can be seen on cervical smear tests. It is unclear what the exact relationship is between the wart virus and cell changes. If you have this virus, it may mean that you are more likely to develop low grade changes and your smear taker will probably ask you to have smear tests more often than usual.

Changes in the cells of the cervix range from mild to more serious. If you have an abnormal smear test, it might be due to:

Atypical cells

These cells are not abnormal, rather borderline between normal and abnormal. You will need to have your smear repeated sooner than usual as the significance of these cells is unclear.

Low grade changes

These cells are mildly abnormal. Sometimes they will become normal again with-

out treatments. You may be told that your cells are mildly dysplastic, another term for mildly abnormal cell changes. You will need to have another smear test in 3-6 months time. If you have more than one test that shows abnormal cell changes, you may be referred to a specialist.

High grade changes

High grade changes mean that there are more serious cell changes present. These changes are also referred to as moderate or severe dysplasia. Severe dysplasia may also be referred to as CIS or carcinoma in situ. This is not a cancer, but may lead to cancer if not treated.

If your smear test shows that you have more serious* cell changes then you will be asked to see a specialist. These changes need treatment to prevent them turning into cancer.

Colposcopy

If you need to see a specialist because of abnormal cell changes you will usually need to have a colposcopy. A colposcopy takes about 10 to 15 minutes and may occasionally be slightly uncomfortable.

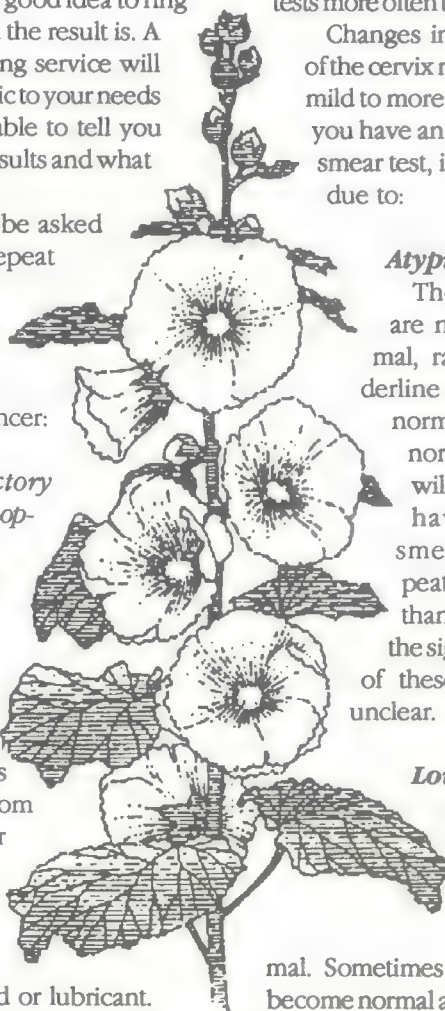
For the examination, the doctor looks at the cells of your cervix with a microscope called a colposcope. Sometimes tissue samples are taken to help decide what treatment is necessary.

Treatment of abnormal cells

Some abnormal cells may clear up on their own without treatment. If treatment is necessary then the type of treatment depends on where the abnormal cells are on the cervix and the kind of abnormality.

Register

Each Area Health Board now has an operational Cervical Screening Register which hold a record of women's smear



results. At the time that you have your smear the smear taker will invite you to enrol.

Who will be on it?

All women who have consented to have their smear results entered on the register. Any women who is having smear tests can enrol on to the register.

Why do we have it?

So the women on it are:

- reminded when their next smear is due
 - followed up if they have an abnormal smear results.
- It sees that women don't get missed and that they do get referred for treatment when needed.

How does it work?

- You enrol on the register when you have a smear and you chose who your smear taker will be. You can change your smear taker at any time
- Your smear results are sent to your smear taker and to the register
- You and your smear taker are sent information from the register.

The information you will get

- A welcome letter confirming you are enrolled
- the result of your first smear on the register
- A letter informing you of an abnormal smear result
- A reminder if your smear is overdue
- Any of your own information from the register. You get this by requesting it in writing or by visiting in person
- If you withdraw from the register you will get a letter confirming your information has

been taken of. You can withdraw at any time.

The information your smear taker will get

- the date when you are due for your next smear
- A reminder if your smear is overdue and if you need to be referred for treatment
- feedback on the quality of her/his smears
- A copy of all your smear results at the smear takers request.

When you enrol on the register you consent to:

- Information on the enrolment form being put on the register
- All your results from the time you enrol being put on the register
- The laboratory and your smear taker having access to your results
- Information, which does not identify you, being used for statistical purposes.

What about confidentiality?

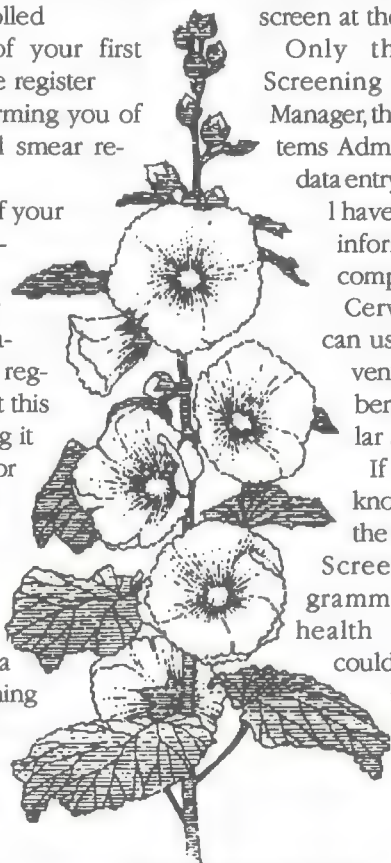
The information on the register is strictly confidential. Your results are private and separate from all other records. Your name and smear results will not appear on the computer screen at the same time.

Only the Cervical Screening Programme Manager, the Register Systems Administrator and data entry operator will have access to the information on the computer.

Cervical cancer can usually be prevented so remember to have regular smear tests..

If you want to know more about the local Cervical

Screening Programme in your health district you could contact your area health board.



Chlamydia

more good reasons for regular check ups

Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted disease in western countries, probably more common than all other STDs combined.

The majority of infected women have no symptoms, however symptoms include: a vaginal discharge and lower abdominal pain.

Chlamydia is the major cause of ectopic pregnancy and pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility for women aged between 15-35 years.

Detection is done by taking a swab from the cervix, or in men, from the urethra.

Treatment is a course of antibiotics for a duration of 14-21 days.

Chlamydia is the major cause of infertility for women in New Zealand.

The best cure is however prevention, that is to practise safer sex, ie use a condom and a water based lubricant eg KY jelly or Wetstuff.

Regular testing for chlamydia is a good idea for sex workers as the early detection of this infection can ensure that it is stopped before it leads to further complications..

Besides leading to infertility chlamydia also impairs pregnancy – being implicated in spontaneous abortion, prematurity and fetal and neonatal mortality.

Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C

Hepatitis B is common in New Zealand but it can also be passed on through sex and even kissing. A blood test is available to find out if you have had Hep B or not, and the best thing about Hepatitis B is that there is a VACCINE to protect you. Many people who have had it are already immune. Bets to get a check then get vaccinated if you are not already immune.

Hepatitis C is usually caught through sharing fits if you are or were using drugs in the past, or through a blood transfusion. The way to stop getting Hep C now is to use clean fits.

The blood test for Hep C only tells whether or not you have ever been exposed to the virus before. It doesn't tell if your blood still has the virus if it and if you can pass it on to anyone else. Even if you were exposed to the virus 20 years ago your blood test

would still be positive for the antibodies. The blood test tells nothing about whether the virus is still in your blood.

Infection with Hep C in the past usually does little damage to the body but Hep C can also damage the liver in some people. If you know you have been infected with Hep C then liver tests are the next step, but remember many other things like alcohol and Hep B can also damage your liver.

There is a lot of confusion about Hep C and sex at the moment and the reason is that no one knows exactly how catchy Hep C is through sex. It is definitely in blood like Hep B and HIV. But we know that Hep C is **much harder** to transmit through sex, we know that it is not as catchy as HIV or Hep B. However, to be on the safe side always practise safer sex.

Mistress Rose from Rack and Cape started talking about a series of articles about B and D after Rene Chignall hit the news. Finally we got together and I asked her about the standards she felt needed to be observed to ensure safe practices, to protect both the women and the clients. This article represents a little of what we have been talking about.

Who should be a mistress

A sensible person, basically someone with a bit of maturity, mid 40s to 50s, anyone younger does not have experience of the world.

For the first few years she is learning, building up experience, hopefully working with an older mistress to develop skills. She needs clear judgment she needs to come to work straight, not out of it, not hung over, and not out of control of her personal life.

To be strong mentally. Adaptable to cope with the differing clients needs, to judge how sessions are progressing. Also she needs to be observant, constantly aware of flickers of eye and body which give information how the client is reacting. A mistress, whether she is gay or straight should like men, if she sees them as unusual or if she feels hatred for them her aggression may take over and let the situation get out of control.

Control seems to be the key word; a mistress must be in control both of herself and of the situation all the time.

Rose advises women not to come to work if they have a domestic problem:

- family stress
- bad periods
- PMT
- hung over
- out of it
- ill.

All of these things can affect their judgment and make them less careful than usual.

Safety with equipment

Firstly and foremost always use good, strong, specifically designed gear. Make sure it is comfortable and doesn't have sharp edges, isn't wearing out and likely to break during the session, make sure everything is clean.

An example of not using the right gear is, using nylons (pantihose or stockings) to bind someone, it can chafe and cut, use softened leather or soft rope.

Test things on yourself or your partner before you use them on clients. Observe clients carefully when first using gear so you know things are holding up.

Good quality, standard equipment causes less problems than off beat/cheap materials.

Cuffs

Use specific wrist or ankle cuffs for hanging people. Hand cuffs can tighten when using them, always check the pins in place and don't use them for longer than 10 minutes at a time, handcuffs should only be used for restraint.

Check cuffs won't break when someone is hanging by them.

Gags

Gags must be sterilised between uses.

Check they don't block breathing, ie ensure nose passages are still clear when wearing gag.

Check if clients have false teeth or bad teeth, a ball gag could move or break teeth.

Don't use them for longer than 10 minutes at a time, ensure muzzles used for restraining don't go around the throat.

Blind folds

Ensure nasal passages aren't blocked, ensure no damage is being done to the eyes. It's not a good idea to use Gags and Blindfolds at the same time unless you've built up a lot of trust with the client and they know what you're doing, because you have no way of judging their reactions.

Things that go around the throat

Straps, collars etc should never be used to hang or restrain someone by. Always ensure there is some room between the neck and the collar. Use collars and leads for ceremonial occasions. Never leave the room when there is something around the throat. Use for 5-10 minutes maximum for "training sessions".

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Whips

Don't use bamboo, use cane or softened leather, fibreglass can splinter if it isn't polished. Break down the leather by oiling it, leaving it out in the sun, running it through your hands, until the sharp edges soften.

Rubber whips and straps are available, these welt and cut more quickly than cane or treated leather, and also hurt more, it is best not to use them.

What needs sterilising?

- All gags: straight
- Ball
- Muzzle
- Don't put other things in the mouth
- Dildos – use with condoms
- Genital tie – wash and disinfect ropes
- Cock whips – wipe with disinfectant
- Golden shower – sheets.

Things not to do

- Don't use broken gear, it can be dangerous
- Don't put collars on so they restrict breathing
- Don't hang or tie people by the throat
- Don't use bamboo its not flexible enough, it has knots and splinters. Use cane or leather
- Mutilation is not advisable Don't do it until you've learnt to do it properly. You are meant to have a licence to do piercing. This means:
 - nipple piercing
 - foreskin piercing
 - putting objects into the urethra
- Fisting is something which needs to be done carefully and hygienically, it can cause serious damage, especially to the client but also to the mistress.
- Don't attempt things that don't feel right in yourself. If you don't know how to do it, don't.

Clients will request the unusual, it's not worth putting you and the client at risk by doing it wrong.

Know what is expected of you before you accept the money, talk to the client, find out what he wants, agree to a session you both feel comfortable with.

Get feedback all the time, you learn and he gets what he wants. Ask the client if there is anything wrong with the parts of the body you're going to work on. Leave damaged or infected areas alone. Always use gloves, condoms, and other safety gear where appropriate. Use a new pair of gloves for each activity and each area of the body. Cleanliness is very important.

Learn from someone who has done it for 10 to 20 years, books can't give you the years of experience.

Last point before you start the session work out a password with your client which will let you know when to stop, he needs to be in control, you need to know when you've gone over the limit.

This also applies to men who are going to be masters.

Submissive girls

More girls and guys are advertising as submissives these days. So, just a few words of wisdom from an old timer!

Sometimes things can go wrong, sessions get out of control and you get hurt. Here is a few ways to stay safe.

Have a talk with the client, find out what the session is going to involve.

Set limits, decide what you are both going to do, and how to say Stop, do this before you begin.

Do not have dangerous equipment in the room, choose what you want to use and remove the rest, so there is less chance he can get out of control.

Do not be blind folded, gagged, tied down you need to be able to get away.

Do not lock the door.

Work in a place where you have support, you need to know that when you yell someone will come running.

Remember, you have the right to say no to the things you don't want.

The money may seem the most important thing at the time but you need to think of your long term physical and mental health.



WELCOME TO TRADE SECRETS

Hi, This is the first issue of Trade Secrets, the first column in New Zealand to focus on the male sex industry. There has been loads of information surrounding female and transsexual sex industry workers, but until now nothing for us. The idea stemmed out of a recent trip I made to Auckland to check the male scene up there. Upon my return to the big smoke I saw a need for us to empower ourselves and start up something solely for ourselves. So with some help from workers here in Wellington (and the wonderful people at NZPC) we have started trade Secrets. The idea is for you to supply me with things to print and information about what you want to know and see happen with the male sex industry in New Zealand. My contribution will be to keep you in contact with the decisions being made by our government surrounding the decriminalisation of soliciting and for the gay men amongst us what is happening with the Human Rights Bill, along with any information about safer sex practises etc. I hope all of you out there will help contribute to this quarterly column because without you we can't succeed Cheers Garth.

GAY WORKER WRITES...

Kia Ora. I had been a gay sex industry worker since the beginning of this year. Not a long time perhaps, but long enough. I never thought I would have the guts to do it but at the time a roof over my head and food in the stomach was more important than morals and trying to survive on the dole (being under 25) wasn't getting me anywhere.

I also felt very much on my own not knowing any other gay guys personally on the game, keeping very much to myself and away from the "scene". But the job I did and the job you are doing is exactly the same as anybody in the sex industry, that is, we service men. (Hard to believe!?)

I operated within the escort agency circles which is of course different to street and parlour work which more often than not ended you up in their space, so you were always on the ball. (Joke) (Something else unbeknown to me.)

I had all the usual great ideas about what might happen to me, both good and bad, but also I found myself very very unprepared although I take some pride in my personal presentation and clothing hab-

its, the truth was having to walk into stinking unkempt places that weren't entirely glamorous nor at times the clients standard of hygiene very often bearable making it much harder and then having the usual bullshit mind games on top. You have the straight-out gays (older generally) then the "closets" fun, fun, fun, and by popular demand the bisexual husband (modern suburbia) Mind games, mind games, mind games.

My favourite personal observation was "look for the kids toys!" When it was straight into the bedroom, onto the marital bed then the usual rough fondling everybody enjoys and of course the grabbing of privates when you're calling in", with of course at times the verbal abuse that turns you in no end, but we mustn't forget the put downs (more so from the closeted married man, which left me thinking, usually after successfully getting around not doing anal and supplementing it with a hand job, a la special; "You aren't the first wanker I've jerked off!")

And of course we can't forget the wife and the check-in call from the pub or at the whanau's. "Yes dear, I'm just

having a quiet beer in front of the rugby... no, the kids are fine, they're asleep. Yeah OK, pick you up soon, Bye." But really! Your giving them a blow job at the same time! 60-70% of the clientele were bi-married guys and if it wasn't the above "play out" then it was at the in house with some other excuse. Does this all sound familiar to any of you? But there were the clients that made you feel special, were mannered towards you, offered you a drink and a short chat (very rare I might stress) and made you at home. Simple. I was lucky to have this sort as regulars sometimes and appreciated them and the time greatly returning the hospitality with apart of myself, not just as a rent-boy, which I unashamedly appreciated and enjoyed with safe sex. Now I have a full time partner aware of my recent past and have stopped for that reason as I felt personally more loyal to our partnership without also hanging it over his head.

So its also having to find a "straight" job as well; difficult as with more and more discrimination being fashionable with some employers under this contracts bill (and heaven

forbid, being a woman in some certain work places of up-standing hetro-men) (What a joke!)

So the grind goes on, but not a lost course, through life. (Time for a "plug", if you didn't already know about the Human Rights Commission Amendment Bill causing such things as health status, sexual orientation, sexual and racial harassment, age (15 years and up) and such that has been pushed and pushed, but will soon be known in a big way soon. So find out about it.

Anyway thanks for your time and all you gay workers there is some-where to go, the N Z P C where there is someone to take care of any problems that arise so to speak. Contact them! *Beau, a gay ex-worker.*



YOUTH TALK

WHO AM I?

That is the question that so often baffles many teenagers. Some of us were born with an innate desire to find out who we are. Erikson identified the stage as Identity vs Role Diffusion. Sadly many of us don't have the automatic knowledge of who we are. So we have to try and find out ourselves. Teenagers these days are bombarded with messages from the outside which say you should or alternatively shouldn't be like this. Advertising utilises this conformist thinking. To be a real person, you must wear these jeans, you must drink this soft drink and you must be this shape. This adds to the identity crisis many teenagers face. There is nothing so disconcerting as to find that you've spent \$100 on the latest jeans and you arrive at the party, toting a six-pack and finding everyone else is wearing the same jeans to be different. If you really wanted to be different, turning up to a party with flares and low-alcohol beer would definitely label you as different. Not to mention that the labels "square" and "nerd" would be applied to you. The paradox of the situation is that the attention for being different is mostly unwelcome. Therefore conformable difference seems to be in line with what is happening. ■ **If anything this peer pressure to be different adds extra confusion to finding one's own identity. Peer pressure can have very dark connotations. Images of drug taking and promiscuity come to mind. If one's peers are doing drugs, natural conformist thinking would dictate that anyone who has not discovered their own identity would fall victim and take drugs. Sadly, this is a reality for many teenagers. I believe that this trend may be starting to recede, but only time will tell. With the advent of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, teenage attitudes towards sexual promiscuity seem to be changing, slowly. Teenagers are having to be more sexually responsible as they realise HIV can be passed on by unprotected sex. As the pandemic spread, not only will teenagers know of someone dying of cancer, but also AIDS complications.** ■ Society, also has a lot to answer for. In the adult world controversy is also rife about homosexuality. Considering that 10% of any group is probably homosexual, this also leads to confusion for some teenagers. If people, teenagers in particular are scared of acknowledging a non-conformist sexuality, it leads to further complications in finding one's identity. By identifying one's identity, the teenager would find themselves vulnerable to prejudice. It's a very hard decision to make to identify yourself as homosexual. Society needs to screw its head on properly to listen and support young teenagers who are exploring who they are. Give us a break everybody, the process of finding ourselves should be as profitable and rewarding as the final product, after all, we'll be supporting your retirement.

Name supplied, thank you



TRADE SECRETS

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It appears that in Babylon and Cyprus among the Phoenicians and part of Western Asia it is recorded that women prostituted themselves as a religious duty of a goddess – like Aphrodite and Astarte. Herodotus recorded how every woman had to sit in the temple of Ishtar and have intercourse with a stranger who chose her by throwing a coin in her lap. The woman accepted the coin and had intercourse with him. This released her from the goddess.

With the Jews it was different, the women were kept pure in accordance with Mosiac Law. This had been enacted by Moses to prevent venereal disease from entering the Hebrew people and as a consequence the women did not enter prostitution. But prostitution was NOT forbidden nor was there any penalty except shown in LEV 21, 9 and that only for a Jewish woman the daughter of a priest. Prostitutes were accepted from foreign countries who were not allowed in Jerusalem or places of worship and the country at that time had a large number of prostitutes who were working for money to obtain a dowry.

Quotations from the Bible Old Testament refer to prostitutes as harlots in the translation and only apply to Jews not to anyone else.

Gen 34,31 – Dinah is ravished by Sheehem and Jacob

the father of Dinah killed all the males including Sheehem. They then asked Jacob if he should deal with our sister as with a harlot.

Lev.21,7 – Shall not take a wife that is a whore or profane,

9 – If the daughter of a priest she profane herself by playing the whore – she shall be burnt with fire.

19, 29 – Do not prostitute your daughter to cause her to be a whore lest the land fall to whoredom and the land become full of wickedness.

DEUT 23, 21 – A woman who is married and is found not to be a virgin is stoned to death, (she being considered a whore).

IS. 57, 3 Ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.

It is clear that a woman of the Jewish faith must obey the religious criteria and will therefore follow that law. Everyone else is not covered by this law and need not be worried about the Bible as there is nothing against us being a prostitute. One may wonder why the churches are against prostitution when it is not in the Ten Commandments and there is no condemnation for us who are not Jews. Perhaps for those who do believe in the Bible you will now be able to rest easier in your mind.

Helen (outreach worker)

RAPE AND ASSAULT AT WORK

– IS IT REALLY ALL PART OF THE JOB?

Over the years I've come across many working girls who've been beaten or raped while working and so many of them just pass it off with "oh its all part of the job". Well fuck it, I don't think it is.

The Collective's Ugly Mugs list attempts in some way to draw our attention to potential or proven arseholes that we may come across in our line of work and they're a great help to preventing assault, rip-offs and rapes. However, I've met lots of women who are reluctant to fill in an ugly mugs form after being assaulted physically or sexually ... I can understand you may feel hurt, embarrassed, humiliated and shamed by the actions of these pricks but please think of how it will feel for others to fall prey to him as well. By filling in the form or at least describing him to your workmates there may be less chance that he'll be able to do it again and get away with it again... We need to protect one another.

I think its really important that if you feel intimidated by a client or at all fearful that you call it off, tell him he'll have to see someone else, and then tell her why you're passing him on. Go with your instincts" if it doesn't feel safe for you believe your gut reaction. Is the \$ worth the abuse? Some of your workmates may be more able to deal with some types of clients than you are and that's fine. If you're new don't be afraid to ask someone how to deal with aggressive clients... it is a learned thing. A lot of us don't have the skills straight for dealing with all the types of men we're going to come across in the industry. We pick up the skills in time and most who've been around for a while will tell you that if it doesn't feel safe don't go with him, go to his house, enter the massage room with him... PROTECT YOURSELF

If you are raped at work it really helps to talk about it with someone. Tell a workmate who you know will listen and care, or call the Prostitutes Collective and talk or your local Rape Crisis centre... but it really does help to tell someone and to express all that you feel about the rape. You're likely to feel really angry, confused, humiliated, tearful and maybe numb. If you are really pissed off and want to report it to the police be prepared for a court case etc and lots of questions. The need to be able to prove it will be foremost on the Police's minds. But if you do go ahead with police action, don't report it to the uniform boys... contact your local CIB Sexual Abuse Team. They are the professionals in this area. It would really pay for you to have a PC or Rape Crisis worker, or close friend with you at the station for your own support... this is accepted by the police. Remember, just like every other woman in the community we deserve protection and we have the right to say no!!! No matter where we were and what job we were doing at the time of the rape. All 'victims' names are suppressed in the newspapers, so your name will not be printed if you take the case to court. But it is likely to be lengthy procedure and a humiliating one for you, so think it over carefully.

Whatever you decide is the best action to take, make sure it is your decision! You are the one who will have to live with it. But I think the most important thing is that you get some support from someone you trust and that you learn how to protect yourself in the future.

You are as important and worthy as any other woman in the community, don't let clients knock you around.

Anon

Escort Agencies

As an interested party, I attended the Hamilton City Council public meeting on the 26th June 92 regarding escort services being run from residential areas. I am of the opinion that this issue could be solved with ease and promptness, simply by insisting that they are run as businesses – which of course they are. The question should be asked, “are they being operated in a proper business-like manner?” eg:

- is the business registered with Inland Revenue?
- are they GST registered
- are all concerned paying PAYE?
- are they paying commercial phone and power?
- is the premise leased or owned? If leased, is the owner aware for what purpose the premises are used?
- is the property correctly insured? (The only company of which I am aware that is capable of covering this type of business premise is Lloyd's of London, at a cost of \$5,000 to \$10,000.)
- is adequate off-street parking provided?

Few current agencies would be prepared, or in fact, able to meet the expense of these standard business requirements.

What can be done with the remaining agencies, however, is the real challenge. The only way to successfully control prostitution is to licence the operators, which is only possible by changing the current laws.

The amount of media coverage escort services have recently been receiving in Hamilton has in fact been promoting their growth. The public accept the industry has always, and will always exist but don't need to be constantly reminded by indiscriminate advertising, eg radio advertising and windscreen flyers, both of which are inflicted on the general public leaving no rights of redress if offended.

If the Hamilton City Council really wanted to do something constructive, it could offer Hamilton as

a test area for controlled prostitution, working with the Police, Health and City Planning Departments, they could then insist that their criteria be met. Both the Police and Health Departments would, I am sure, be pleased to assist such a step.

After operating an escort service myself since 1976 I have two suggestions to offer.

Firstly, that every operator involved in the industry be required to have a massage licence. This would assist in controlling the number of establishments, be they es-

cort services, rap parlours or whatever. Such a licence requires that the applicant at least has no criminal record. Should the licence be granted then certain basic requirements must be adhered to, among which are:

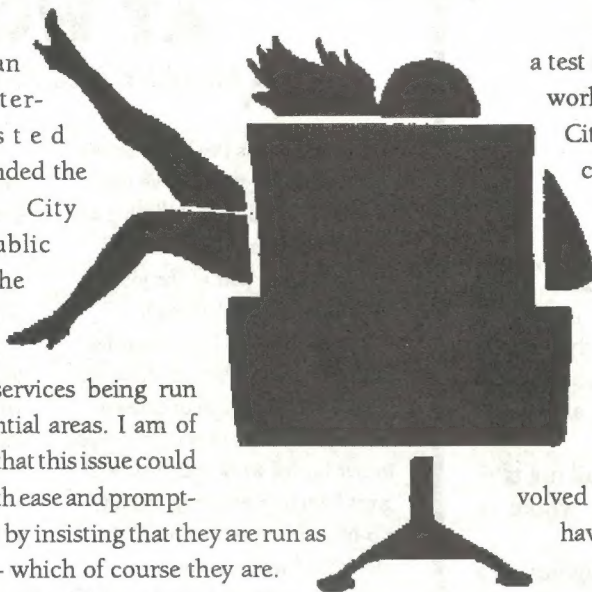
- that the licence or a licensed manager be present during operating hours.
- that staff be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- that a register of all employees be kept (scrutiny of which should be available to all government departments with a legitimate interest).

Secondly... A subject about which I personally feel very strongly – medicals! By the very nature of the profession it is of paramount importance that those involved have a current medical clearance, proof of which may be verified at any time. To date no such precautions have been required or enforced.

In all businesses there are legal, health and hygiene requirements. Alas, some areas of the industry are evading the few existing regulations by calling themselves by fancy titles. If the industry were recognised as such and a few basic requirements levied, no matter what title, control could be exercised.

In advocating these moves, I am by no means suggesting that Hamilton should become “sin city”! On the contrary the industry should be put back where it belongs, behind closed doors. After all it is a private choice – for both parties.

Toni (last name withheld).



AROUND THE REGIONS

GREETINGS FROM CHRISTCHURCH

The Christchurch Branch of NZPC has given its first seminar. Yay, Joy, fireworks flash.

We were invited to the University of Canterbury by the Women's Collective to give a talk about NZPC at the Women's Festival.

It was quite nerve racking and we all felt terribly nervous. The group we talked to was so receptive and they soon made us feel quite at home.

The title of the talk was "Current issues surrounding Sex Employment".

Because the talk was to outline all the issues, we explained at the beginning that we would only touch lightly on each issue and that we would be open for questions throughout the seminar for any points that may need to be expanded. We also thought that it was a good idea to involve as many members of the collective as possible, so we all took one topic and gave individual speeches.

Anna introduced the title and thanked the organisers for inviting us. She then went on to give the history of the Collective outlining the Aims, Objectives and Ethics. A white board was prepared by Anna before the meeting and the women we spoke to asked various questions as they read down the board.

Sasha then spoke on the stratification of the industry by outlining the various forms the industry takes, ie parlours, streetworkers, escorts etc. She then talked on the various genders involved in the industry and how they operate within these roles.

Janene and Judith spoke on many legal issues within the industry. Outlining the difference between legislation and decriminalisation. The talk that proved the most popular was when Janene and Judith opened the discussion on feminism and the sex industry. The group we talked to could not understand how the Sex Industry and Feministic values could go hand in hand. Janene and Judith spoke so well on the subject that the women came to

the conclusion that the two issues are one.

Beverly spoke about the discrimination that exists about the sex industry and those within it. She tried to evaluate the question, "Why can't the sex industry be about ordinary people doing an ordinary job?" This talk also raised the issue of feminism and the sex industry and she tried to get across that the world of the sex industry is about clients coming into sex workers territory, not the other way around. So clients are not exploiting women, but rather two people coming together under agreed terms.

Marion talked about health issues within the industry and outlined the various forms of STDs. She also gave a profile of the history of condom usage, and the change in STDs over the years. She did this by drawing on her own experiences. Marion made it quite clear that the NZPC was aware of all the health issues with the industry and that the Collective was trying to empower the workers to take the responsibility of their own health. She mentioned that the Collective members attend ongoing seminars on health issues to keep ourselves up to date with what is going on.

Anna closed the seminar by rounding up the points raised and then we enjoyed an informal session of open discussion with those who attended the seminar.

The seminar was to have been 2 hours long, however, as the topic was so interesting we stayed a further hour and gave the audience a wonderful insight into the world of the sex industry.

There was a staff member of the Area

Health Board at the seminar and as a result of the success of the meeting, the Area Health Board is now trying to set up further talks to be given by the Collective.

We have broken the ice.

DUNEDIN WRITES

On July 1st NZPC Dunedin held a conference on HIV/AIDS prevention at a local venue.

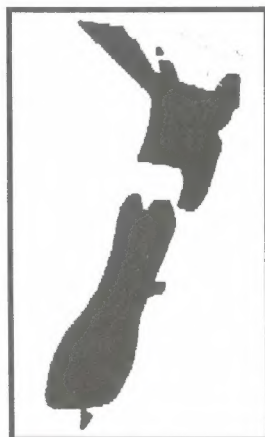
Tom O'Donoghue of the National People Living with AIDS Union came down from Wellington to address the participants which was a big plus and certainly added greatly to the day being a success. We organised this event because we felt that with so many local agencies working in HIV prevention in Dunedin there needed to be some coordination of that and somewhere for us all to meet... and quite frankly it was difficult for us as the Prostitutes Collective to be included in any workshops or policy making that went on locally. We always had to arrange our own workshops to heighten our awareness of the AIDS issue. This conference has given us a much better public profile and the recognition we deserve for the important work we do in prevention, that only we could do.

We had a bit of fun trying to get a venue to hold this conference... with the ever friendly and Christian hearted Presbyterian Support Services at the Cameron Centre denying us access to their venue... rooms that are free to other community groups. When challenged on this by the media our good Christian friends backed down at a hundred miles an hour and said they didn't deny us rooms and that they did everything that they could to help us out!!!. Funny that we never experienced that!

Anyway on July 1st 55 people attended the conference, some of them sex workers, some IDUs, some gay men and lesbian women, some HIV+ve or living with AIDS, many were workers for the local Area Health Board... everything went off well and was a great success.

Dunedin hasn't heard the last from its local Prostitutes Collective.

Our thanks to everyone who supported us!!



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- Support and a friendly environment
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- Magazines for workers in the sex industry
- Information on HIV / AIDS and other STDs
- Referral service to sympathetic doctors and other complementary agencies

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So

Pop in and have a chat or phone us up! If you get the answer-phone, be sure to leave a message and someone will call you back as soon as possible.